

**PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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**MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2005**

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on February 17, 2005, in the City of Carlsbad Faraday Center, 1635 Faraday Center, Carlsbad, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson Ramona Finnila  
Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter  
Chuck Collins  
Robert Fuselier  
Bob Gates  
Ginna Reyes  
Tom Ricotta  
Howard Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Christensen

Members present did represent a quorum.

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT**

Floyd Best  
Olivier Brackett  
Dee Dee Phillips

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no introductions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes for January 2005 will be postponed until the March meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Ms. Trombe reported on the ***Runway Incursion Safety Seminar***. There was an estimated 120 attendees that participated in the two hour seminar held at Western Flight. Speakers from Camp Pendleton, the Air Traffic Control Tower, and the FAA regional offices addressed the group. All attendees were reminded of the ***Voluntary Noise Abatement Procedures*** (VNAP) and encouraged to continue compliance. There is an estimated 87% compliance with the ***VNAP***, which is excellent for a single runway airport with one of the largest number of operations per year.

## **CITIZEN SUPPORT GROUP “FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM”**

Mr. Fuselier briefly reported on the progress of the “***WHO***” committee. It was already established that staff had began work on the logo for the program. Master lease holders on the airport, airport businesses and County airport staff would be primarily responsible for pilot outreach. The baseline for the program may be difficult to establish. The subcommittee would like to enlist Mr. Brackett in assisting them with ideas of how to objectively collect and measure the data. Ms. Carroll and Mr. Collins have volunteered to perform the community outreach. They intend to visit various associations within the community and educate them that the airport is actively pursuing ways in an effort to help with the noise issues.

Mr. Collins stated that the goal of the program is to make a general awareness to all in the aviation community that this is a noise sensitive airport and that everyone should be aware and practice those techniques that mitigate noise. This addresses almost all aspects of how those in the community are affected by the airport. The program intends to inform the community with what is being done and what can be done by the aviation community to peacefully coexist. This will be done in hopes of establishing a balance between the community and the aviation community through education. This program is designed to be proactive.

Ms. Trombe reminded all that the community can not regulate or dictate the operations of aircraft. The cooperation by the aviation community is all voluntary; they are trying to be friendly.

Mr. Collins stated that he would like to see the ***Fly Friendly Program*** monumented throughout the airport. This likely may be the closest way to grab the attention of more of the pilot's and remind them of the ***VNAP***.

Mr. Brackett stated that the program can move forward with the logo and limited signage. But the bulk of the program will not proceed until the final document is approved and the Part 150 recommendations can be reviewed.

The subcommittee for the “**WHAT**” element of the program will be chaired by Ginna Reyes. Ramona Finn timer, Bob Gates, Chuck Collins, and Tim Hutter will also serve on the subcommittee.

### **PART 150 PRESENTATION BY URS**

Mr. Fuller could not attend, but is available via telephone if anyone has any pressing questions. The draft of the Noise Compatibility Plan is almost ready to be submitted to the FAA for review, as well as the final Noise Exposure Maps.

### **AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS ISSUES**

Mr. Brackett reported monthly operations for January were 13,440; this will also serve as the number year to date for 2005. Air carrier enplanements 3,346 year to date also the same. The local transient traffic breakdown for the month of January was 4,146 itinerant, 9,294. IFR traffic 3,782 and VFR traffic 9,658. Noise concerns for the month of January, 99 calls. The number year to date for 2005 is the same. Ratio of concerns to operations for the month of January, 1 call; 137 operations. The majority of calls during the month of January were south/west from the airport. 55 of the calls concerned jet operations, 33 for propeller operations, 6 for helicopter operations and 5 were unknown air craft. 42 of the concerns were for operations between 0700-1700. There were 2 concerns for operations between 1700-2200 and there were 55 concerns for operations between 2200-0700.

### **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

No report was given.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Best stated that the **Runway Safety Action Team** visit concluded. They arrived to evaluate and inspect the airport for safety in almost every aspect. Their final written evaluation will have a substantial influence on where Palomar is rated on the FAA funding and grant priority list. Runway resurfacing is one of the projects that will hopefully be moved up for priority funding. The PAAC will be informed and updated with funding and project progress as it becomes available.

Ms. Finn timer briefly reported on a seminar conducted by the Association of American Airport Executives she recently attended. She stated that Palomar was mentioned for having a well established security program.

### **SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON MARCH 17, 2005**

The March meeting may be moved back to the City of Carlsbad Council Chambers but has not been confirmed.

## **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Reyes reported that the B-17 and B-24 Bombers will be on display on the Western Flight ramp April 22, 23, and 24. The Collings Foundation makes this event possible because of their dedication to the preservation of these historical aircrafts. Student classes, groups and organizations are encouraged to attend free of charge, but please be sure to contact Western Flight for arrangements.

Mr. Williams reported that the County Water District sponsors a trip to the Hoover Dam. Please feel free to contact him for information.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Ramona Finnila, Chairperson